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2nd Lt. Angela Rogers

Loading up lights

James Griffin, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental specialist, loads fluorescent lightbulbs into specially designed containers for shipment to a recycling site. The bulbs must be disposed of properly because they are filled with mercury vapors.

Tyndall cleans up coastline

Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

More than 250 volunteers participated in the International Coastal Cleanup Saturday along Tyndall's coastline, removing large amounts of debris from the NCO Club beach and adjoining coastline.

The volunteer turnout was great and the Tyndall community really came together to clean up their own backyard, said 2nd Lt. Jake Salmond, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer. "The volunteers were mainly military people and their families," he said. "We also had people out there from the natural resources flight, the environmental flight and Bay County Solid Waste Management Department. They all worked tremendously well together to get the job done."

This year's coastal cleanup was one of the best ever, according to Salmond. "This was a very successful effort," he said. "We won't know the exact amount of debris removed until a little later, but we did fill up a very large dumpster. Basically, we cleaned the NCO Club beach, up the length of the coast of Shell

Island to the north and quite a long way down Tyndall's coastline to the south."

One of the reasons this year's cleanup went so smoothly was a lot of previous experience with the program on the beach — people who were familiar with the tally sheets and how the debris needed to be accounted for, Salmond said. "A lot of the people that were there had done it before, so they knew what had to be done and how to do it," he said. "And they did a great job. They picked up numerous large items like fishnets and covered a large area — even going back into the sea oats for garbage."

"I think it might have even been a little harder this year because of the extra debris washed up by Tropical Storm Helene the day before," Salmond said. "However, the workers were unfazed and did an outstanding job."

Doing a good job and keeping the environment clean is important to military members and their families, according to Staff Sgt. Rob Becton, 325th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineering craftsman. "I brought my son, Austin, who is six years old," he said. "I wanted to show him a good example of how people ought to contribute to their community and the environment, and

give him some ownership in keeping the world clean for his generation and the ones to come."

Another person who helped out with the cleanup immensely was Master Sgt. Donald Lauer, 325th CES base dormitory manager, according to Salmond. "I would especially like to thank Master Sergeant Donald Lauer," he said. "He supplied all the trash bags used in the Tyndall cleanup effort this year, and he also personally supplied a lot of soda to keep the volunteers refreshed. He really helped out when we needed it and people should know that."

"We accomplished what we set out to do," Salmond said. "I think visitors to Tyndall's beach will notice the difference, and I hope they appreciate all the hard efforts put in by these volunteers."

One of the ways people can show their appreciation is by doing their part in keeping the beach clean, said Salmond. "Something we can all keep in mind is that we can make the cleanup next year and keep our beaches in good shape throughout the year by not littering and by picking up litter if they see it," he said. "This will ensure the continued beauty of our beach and contribute to everyone's enjoyment — including the marine and wildlife."

Tyndall, AF prepare for second AEF cycle

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As Aerospace Expeditionary Forces 9 and 10 enter the last phase of the first 15-month cycle under the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept, Air Force officials are taking stock of the process and making a few adjustments where needed to ensure a smooth transition for the second cycle.

Tyndall is also ramping up to participate in the upcoming AEF cycle. "Tyndall is going to support the second AEF cycle in much the same way as we supported the first one," said Staff Sgt. Zachary L. Holt, 325th Mission Support Squadron personnel readiness NCOIC. "We already have several

group deployments projected and numerous individual taskings going out."

The taskings are spread across a broad spectrum of units and career fields around the base, but there are a few squadrons that have historically heavy deployment tasking, according to Holt. "The (325th) security forces squadron and (325th) services squadron are big players in Tyndall's group AEF taskings," he said. "They deploy some of the larger groups of people on a regular basis."

The Air Force launched the AEF concept Oct. 1,

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Government establishes one-stop internet information site

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — People now have one-stop access to all online federal government resources through a new web site launched recently.

"This cutting-edge site gives the American people the 'Information Age' government they deserve," said President Bill Clinton in a message welcoming users to the site.

The site enables users to access a range of information, from researching at the Library of Congress to tracking a NASA mission to conducting business online, such as applying for student loans, tracking Social Security

benefits and more.

Topics featured on the site include agriculture and food, arts and culture, consumer services and safety, environment, science and technology, and money and taxes.

"This monumental breakthrough in one-stop shopping for government services will help Americans across the country and around the world find the information and resources they need at a click of a mouse, quickly and easily," stated the president's message.

The site is at: www.firstgov.gov.

DOD studies domestic violence

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Anyone who thinks it is OK to slap, punch, bite, kick, head butt, choke or throw their spouse up against a wall needs to think again.

“If you so much as lay a finger on your spouse in any way but love, it’s a crime,” said Casey Gwinn, San Diego’s city prosecutor. “If you put your hands around their neck, it’s strangulation.”

Gwinn, a member of the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence, has dealt with domestic violence cases for 15 years. He said anyone on his turf — man or woman — accused of domestic violence is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

“In my dealings with batterers, my experience is that most of them are very manipulative,” he said. “They know exactly how to express remorse and how to say it was the other person’s fault and that they were only defending themselves.”

Domestic violence victims have only three reactions, Gwinn said. “They either fight back, become passive or leave.” Civilian law enforcers, he noted, now make a concentrated effort to prosecute cases regardless of whether the victim recants or tries to minimize the incident.

Gwinn is one of 12 law enforcement and domestic violence specialists studying the unique aspects of family violence within the military community. They have teamed up with 12 military staff judge advocates, commanders and senior Department of Defense officials to improve the military’s response to domestic violence.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen appointed the panel in March, in accordance with the Fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Act. Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, the Marine Corps deputy chief of staff for manpower and reserve affairs, serves as co-chair with Debra Tucker, executive director of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence in Austin, Texas.

The task force took to the field in mid-September for a firsthand look at how the military deals

with domestic violence. The first site visits were to the Army’s Fort Bragg, N.C., and the Marine Corps’ Camp Lejeune, N.C. Visits to the Navy at Norfolk, Va., and the Air Force at Langley AFB, Va. are scheduled in mid-November, followed by trips to Europe in spring 2001 and Okinawa, Japan and Korea in late summer.

In the months ahead, task-force members will meet on a confidential basis with commanders, first sergeants, security forces, chaplains, family and victim advocates, as well as victims and offenders. Because many military families reside off base, the panel will also visit shelters and meet with local police, medical personnel and other community officials.

The goal is not to investigate or inspect a particular command, but to assess family advocacy and domestic violence concerns throughout the military, said Bob Stein, a senior DOD civilian who heads administrative support for the task force.

“The DOD has made a substantial commitment to address domestic violence over the past few years,” he said. “However, like civilian communities, the DOD can continue to improve its response to domestic violence. Our goal is to help this task force provide the secretary of defense and Congress with recommendations that will help make the military’s family advocacy program better than it is today.”

The panel is looking at differences in how domestic violence affects the military and the civilian communities. They acknowledged, for instance, that a civilian employer might never know of an employee’s family problems, while a service member’s chain of command becomes involved with all aspects of his or her life.

As a result, panelists said, victims often fail to report abuse or to seek help because they know doing so will impact the entire family’s economic well-being. Even in severe cases, military and civilian police told the panel, victims often refuse to press charges because they fear retaliation by the offender and they fear repercussions by the chain

of command.

Criminal conviction of even a misdemeanor involving domestic violence can end a service member’s military career. The 1996 Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 makes it unlawful for anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor of domestic violence to possess firearms. The law does not exempt military personnel and law enforcement officers.

The defense task force is looking at the impact of the Lautenberg bill and a host of other issues.

●Do service members perceive the Family Advocacy Program as a source of help or a “career breaker?”

●Do victims get the support they need?

●Do enough victim advocates serve the military community?

●Do victims know transitional assistance is available if their spouse is forced to leave the military?

●Should the military provide support services to intimate partners as well as spouses?

●Are security forces members trained to handle family violence effectively?

●Are offenders held accountable?

●Are military and community authorities sharing information on domestic violence incidents?

Punishment for domestic violence varies throughout the United States and overseas. Gwinn noted that offenders in San Diego are prosecuted, convicted and booted out of the military. In Cumberland County, N.C., on the other hand, convicted offenders are offered the option of a 16-week diversion treatment program.

“I’m not sure that it’s fundamentally fair that where you are dictates what’s going to happen,” Gwinn said. “One guy’s going to get convicted, another guy is going to get off.”

Peter MacDonald, a district judge, said he sees cases involving service members every day in Kentucky’s 3rd Judicial District Court. MacDonald, who appeared on a CBS “60 Minutes” broadcast spotlighting domestic violence in the military, said he was surprised to be asked to

join the task force.

The highly-critical television show featured a murder case involving a soldier stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. The soldier killed his live-in girlfriend in their home off base. MacDonald and other civilian authorities blamed the military.

Since then, the judge said, he’s seen “an amazing process take place” at Fort Campbell. “The response to domestic violence is very good there,” he said. “As far as dealing with domestic violence and as far as being cognizant and trying to do the right thing, they’ve done very well.”

MacDonald said the defense task force might end up benefiting both the military and civilian communities.

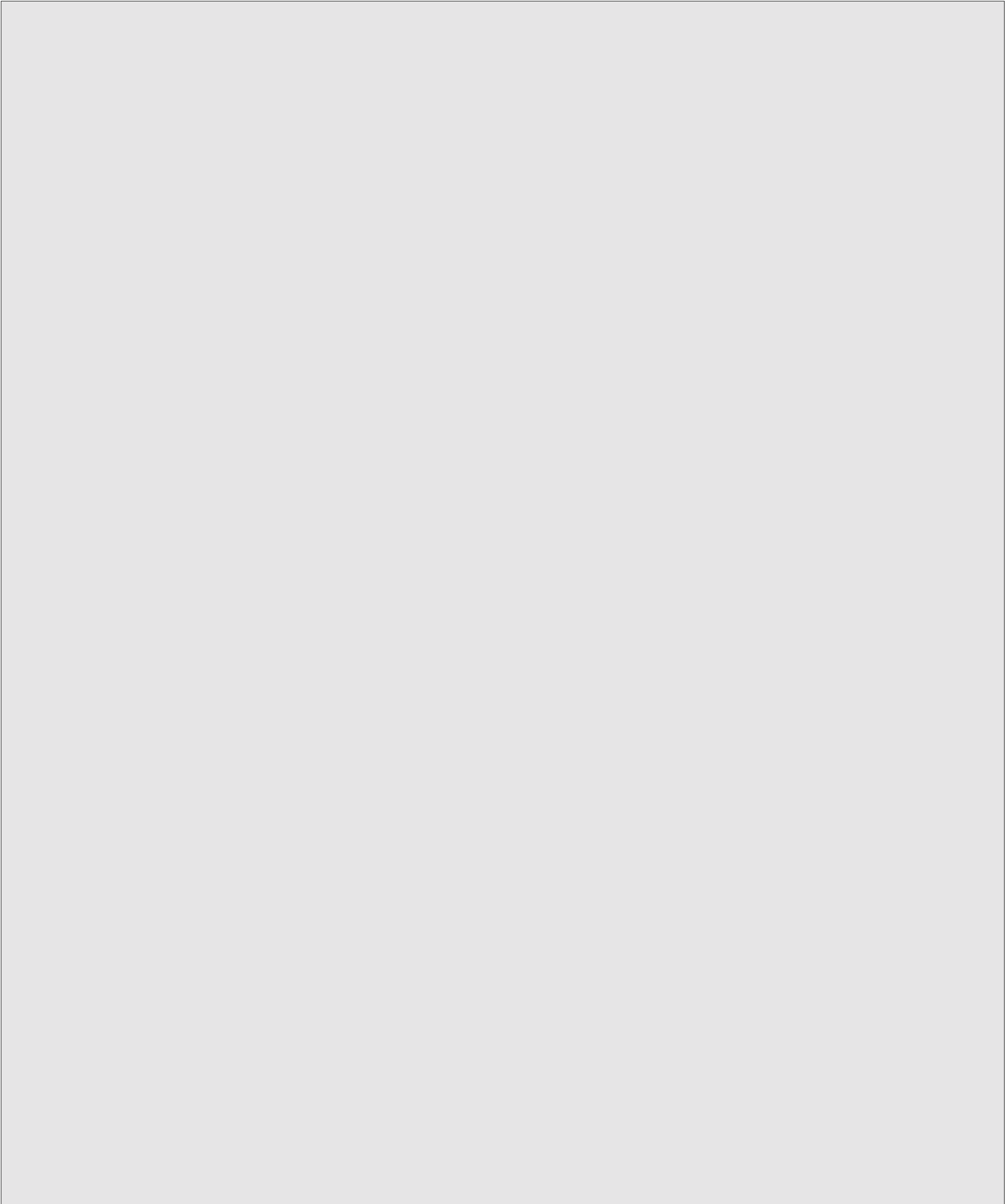
“There’s a lot to deal with,” he said. “It would be great if we can come up with a really good series of recommendations for the secretary of defense to make to Congress, and somehow convey or transpose these same types of recommendations to the civilian population as a whole.”

Co-chairs Tucker and Klimp said they were pleased with the way the site visits went. “It was our first opportunity to sit in on a case review committee and listen to the victim advocate and other professionals try to determine what happened and what might need to happen to intervene,” said Tucker, the daughter of an Air Force major.

“Clearly, there’s been a lot of work done in the last few years to teach the impact of domestic violence,” Tucker said. “A lot of things are beginning to be put in place, but they don’t necessarily provide a full safety net for victims.”

“‘Accountability’ has come to mean that people might be immediately separated from the service,” she said. “As opposed to an understanding that, unless they’re engaged in a felonious assault or some other use of violence, people ought to have an opportunity to learn new ways of dealing with others and to take responsibility for that behavior and put it behind them.”

For more information about the prevention of domestic violence, call the family advocacy office, 283-7272.



Boeing begins flight-testing Raptor avionics package

SEATTLE (AFPN) — Boeing recently began flight-testing the F-22 avionics Block 3.0 integrated software on its 757 flying test bed, or FTB.

Meeting this critical milestone helps to keep the program on track for software delivery by the end of 2000.

The Department of Defense's Acquisition Board requires Block 3.0 software to fly on an F-22 Raptor before year-end in order for the program to receive its initial production contracts.

"We are encouraged that beginning early testing of Block 3.0 on the flying test bed will reduce the risks and challenge of meeting this year's avionics-system goal," said Bob Barnes, Boeing F-22 program manager.

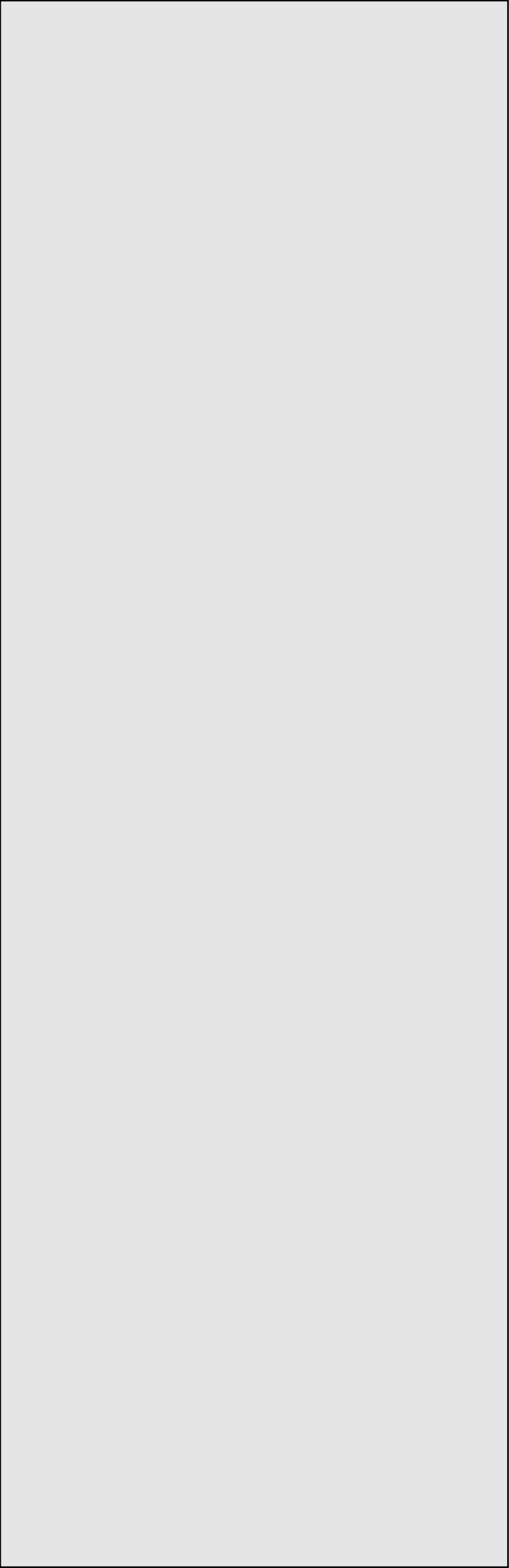
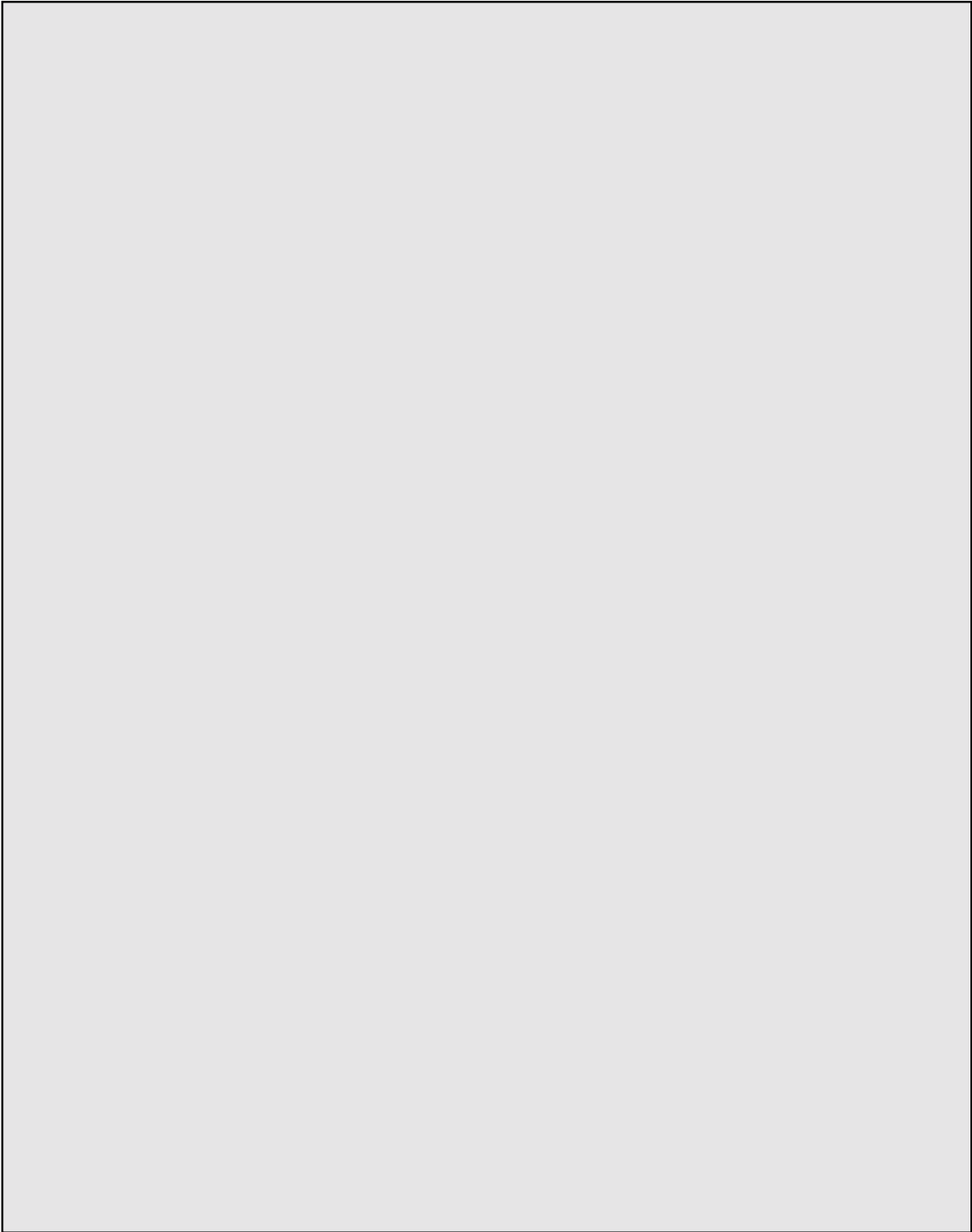
Testing of the Block 3.0 software on the FTB will include the use of multi-sensor fusion and complete F-22 radar and electronic warfare integration. Testing the software on the

FTB will also enable avionics engineers to identify, evaluate and resolve anomalies, as well as make adjustments to avionics software and hardware prior to software being delivered to the F-22 Combined Test Force at Edwards AFB, Calif.

Boeing has been testing the Raptor's advanced avionics software packages in the avionics integration lab, or AIL, since 1998, and on the FTB since March 1999.

Both the AIL and FTB are helping reduce avionics risks and contain development costs by enabling extensive evaluation and troubleshooting before full avionics are installed on the next-generation fighter. Testing in the AIL and aboard the 757 will allow for early delivery of a more developed avionics package.

To date, more than 15,000 hours of avionics testing has been completed in the AIL and 562 hours on the FTB.



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Category	'00	'99	Trend
On duty	1	0	+1
Off duty	7	6	+1
Traffic	3	1	+2
Sports	3	5	-2
Fatalities	1	0	+1
DUIs	13	7	+6

Commander's Corner:



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Team Tyndall pride came through loud and clear this weekend as more than 250 volunteers hit the beach Saturday for the annual International Coastal Cleanup. An enormous amount of debris was cleaned up, and we were able to once again show our environmental stewardship. A special thanks goes to **2nd Lt. Jake Salmond**, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, for coordinating the effort and the folks in the Natural Resources department for providing the volunteers with transportation and for hauling away the debris. Good job Team Tyndall, keep up the good work!

Another environmental concern we have is we need to place some added emphasis on recycling. Bob Meyers and his staff who operate the Resource, Recycling and Recovery Program on Tyndall count on you every day to help keep the program running smoothly. You can help best by properly separating material in recycling containers. Some tips they offer are:

- Separate white paper, newspaper, magazines and phone books.

- If there is a container shortage, separate newspaper, magazines and phone books in their own plastic bags in the container.

- Housing residents can leave metal



Brig. Gen. Hodgkins

products curbside for pickup Tuesday or Thursday.

- Housing residents or office recycling coordinators can deliver large metal items to the 6000 area.

Every aluminum can, piece of paper, metal or glass container helps save precious landfill space — space that we need to leave environmentally sound for future generations. If you have any questions concerning this program or how you can help, call the RRRP at 283-2267.

Finally, I'd like to encourage anyone who knows a senior airman pinning on new NCO chevrons to attend the induction ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the enlisted club. NCOs of all grades are the backbone of the Air Force and this ceremony is one way we recognize their achievement, commitment and foundation in our core values. There's no prouder moment for an airman, family and friends than the transition to NCO status. Be forewarned, your life doesn't get easier, but with the new stripe comes increased responsibility, new authority and a new sense of accountability. However, these aren't burdens, they should be viewed as added challenges in your journey through leadership, entrusted to only those most deserving. Congratulations new staff sergeants.

Have a great Air Force week!



Combined Federal Campaign: Why I give
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Beckett

Unit: 325th Services Squadron
Job Title: Dining facility storeroom manager

Hometown: Salisbury, Md.

Why I give: "My father died of cancer. So anything I can do to advance the cause of finding a cure I will do."



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Action Line



Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

John Sabochick, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy base civil engineer, and Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander, review Tyndall's long-range facility plan. The plan is a blueprint for future development of the buildings on Tyndall.

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first

sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Hornburg: All have a role in telling AF story

Gen. Hal Hornburg
*Air Education and
Training Command
commander*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — "Help Wanted: Air Force members who are proud of their unit, their base, their Air Force and are ready to tell others about it." Yes, we are always looking for top airmen to be recruiters, but this "help wanted" item applies to every airman in America's Air Force.

Air Force recruiters have done an outstanding job this year. We will meet our Fiscal 2000 recruiting goal. Considering the economy and "competition" from companies and colleges, it wasn't easy — and it won't get any easier next year.

We are developing an ambitious recruiting campaign with everything from inspiring television and movie theater advertisements to traveling displays and more basic "tools" for our field recruiters.

The Air Force is very active in our local communities, and we will coordinate better with recruiters to be involved in these events. We're adding more field recruiters to increase our visibility in communities and schools and, in the spring, we'll ask all Air Education and Training Command bases to sponsor "career days" to help expose high school students to our base working and living environments. We're also offering enlistment bonuses and college loan repay-

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1999, as a means to bring predictability and stability to Air Force members and their families. The AEFs are essentially a force-management tool that helps the Air Force spread its capability more evenly across the total force: active duty, Guard and Reserve.

“My general impression is that the aerospace expeditionary force is going very well,” said Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen, AEF Center commander, Langley AFB, Va.

“There are some growing pains, but anytime you make a transition that is this major and involves an organization as big as the Air Force, there are bound to be some problem areas, but we’re solving them,” Larsen said.

He said one of the biggest successes so far is in the notification process. “AEFs 5 and 6 were the first full-up pair where we used unit type codes to task all the combat support forces and no longer used the PALACE Tenure system where everybody was tasked individually,” Larsen said.

Before AEFs 5 and 6, notifications went out 15 days before people actually deployed. But, for the second cycle beginning Dec. 1, Larsen said the notification went out 120 days prior. “We gained about a 10-fold improvement in our ability to get that information to our airmen; just from AEFs 5 and 6 in the first cycle, to AEFs 1 and 2 in the second cycle,” he said.

“The 120-day advance notification is what they are shooting for. We’re very pleased we were able to meet that goal,” Larsen said. “That equates directly into people knowing well ahead of time that they are going to deploy or not, so it’s a big plus.”

Another area in which the Air Force is making improvements is in shortfall rates, Larsen said. “This is where a unit is tasked for a requirement in the area of

responsibility and can’t fill it,” he said. “We have to go back out and find someone else in the Air Force who can fill it.”

Tyndall plays a big part in filling those taskings, and one that is critical to the AEF process, Holt said. “It’s important to support the AEFs because one aspect of the Air Force mission is to ensure TDY locations are continually manned,” he said. “We, as Air Force members, bear that responsibility.”

But the process is improving, Larsen said. “We started out with about 3.2 percent of our taskings coming back as shortfalls in AEFs 5 and 6, but, so far, currently we’re down to 0.5 percent for AEFs 1 and 2 for the second cycle. This is a significant improvement and certainly a lot more promising than what we had earlier.”

Larsen attributes this improvement to two factors. One is the earlier notification process. “The units have time to check and double-check to make sure they have the right person for the tasking,” he said. “The other reason is that we have grown the number of people we have inside the AEF construct. When we first started Cycle 1, we only had about 90,000 people, which is obviously a very small part of our Air Force.

“Right now though, we’re up to 141,000 people, and that number is growing as we posture more UTCs and more people,” Larsen said. “We have a bigger populace to draw from so there are less shortfalls.”

He added that the reserve components are contributing greatly to the total force effort, with the Guard and Reserve continuing to fill 10 percent of the combat support taskings and 24 percent of the aviation units’ forward deployed commitments for the second cycle.

Even with the larger number of people eligible to deploy, Larsen said there are still some units that are heavily tasked, such as airborne warning and control,

search and rescue, and Rivet Joint. The Air Force is deeply committed to determining what the limiting factors are for these units; known as low density/high demand; and fixing them.

Larsen said, as an example, the limiting factor for the AWACs units was the total number of combat-ready crews they had trained. “So a lot of effort has gone into increasing the training pipeline for them, and we think about a year from now the AWACS will fall completely under the AEF schedule,” deploying for only one 90-day period per cycle.

Another move the Air Force has made as it transitions to the second cycle is lengthening the deployments of the on-call aerospace expeditionary wings.

“The AEWs will go from 90 days to 120 days,” Larsen said. “This is another move that made sense to do.

“These are all important changes that made sense to do,” Larsen said. “Obviously, the most important thing as we go from cycle to cycle is to continuously improve the process, keeping in mind that predictability is a key thing we’re driving for.”

He said a big improvement for the second cycle is the .mil restricted EAF online web site: www.aefcenter.acc.af.mil/. Airmen can access individualized “training templates” from a military computer to obtain information about their deployed job description and mission, even the equipment they’ll be working with.

“People can go to this (secure) web site to learn all about their deployment, which I think is one of the biggest improvements they will see in the second cycle,” the general said.

“Overall, the feedback has been pretty positive,” Larsen said. “Folks are learning what AEFs they’re in, when they’re deploying, and we expect to see big improvements in Cycle 2.”

Tyndall’s chapel schedule

Protestant	Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1	Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
General Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Chapel 2	Religious education: 10:40 a.m. Sunday
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.	Chapel 1: 283-2691
Kids’ Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m.	Chapel 2: 283-2925
Wednesday	Spiritual Maintenance: 283-2367
Catholic	Other faith groups: Call 283-2925
Daily Mass: noon Monday through Friday, Chapel 2;	
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday	



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ment programs for many of our career choices.

I’m convinced, though, that the single best recruiting activity is the simplest — every airman taking every opportunity to tell the Air Force story. Simple, face-to-face discussions with someone about what you do, your responsibilities, your accomplishments, challenges and rewards are the most convincing ways to encourage people to consider joining the Air Force or recommending someone else join.

We’re not asking you to paint

an idyllic picture. There are deployments, long hours of hard work, tough problems and issues to solve, and our pay, while competitive, won’t make us multimillionaires. However, there are tremendous benefits. The Community College of the Air Force and our commitment to education and developing skills in high technology are examples.

There are even more important benefits that people outside the Air Force may not appreciate unless they hear it from you — our dedication to excellence, commitment to integrity and a way of life

dedicated to service to our nation. Our core values are pluses above and beyond many other endeavors.

Relate your personal experiences in the terms your friends or people you meet can understand. Tell *your* Air Force story.

Perhaps you’re the first in your family to earn a college degree and the Air Force helped make that possible, or you’ve traveled to places your friends have only dreamed about and the Air Force sent you there. Maybe you operate one of our premier weapons systems or you train airmen who will be responsible

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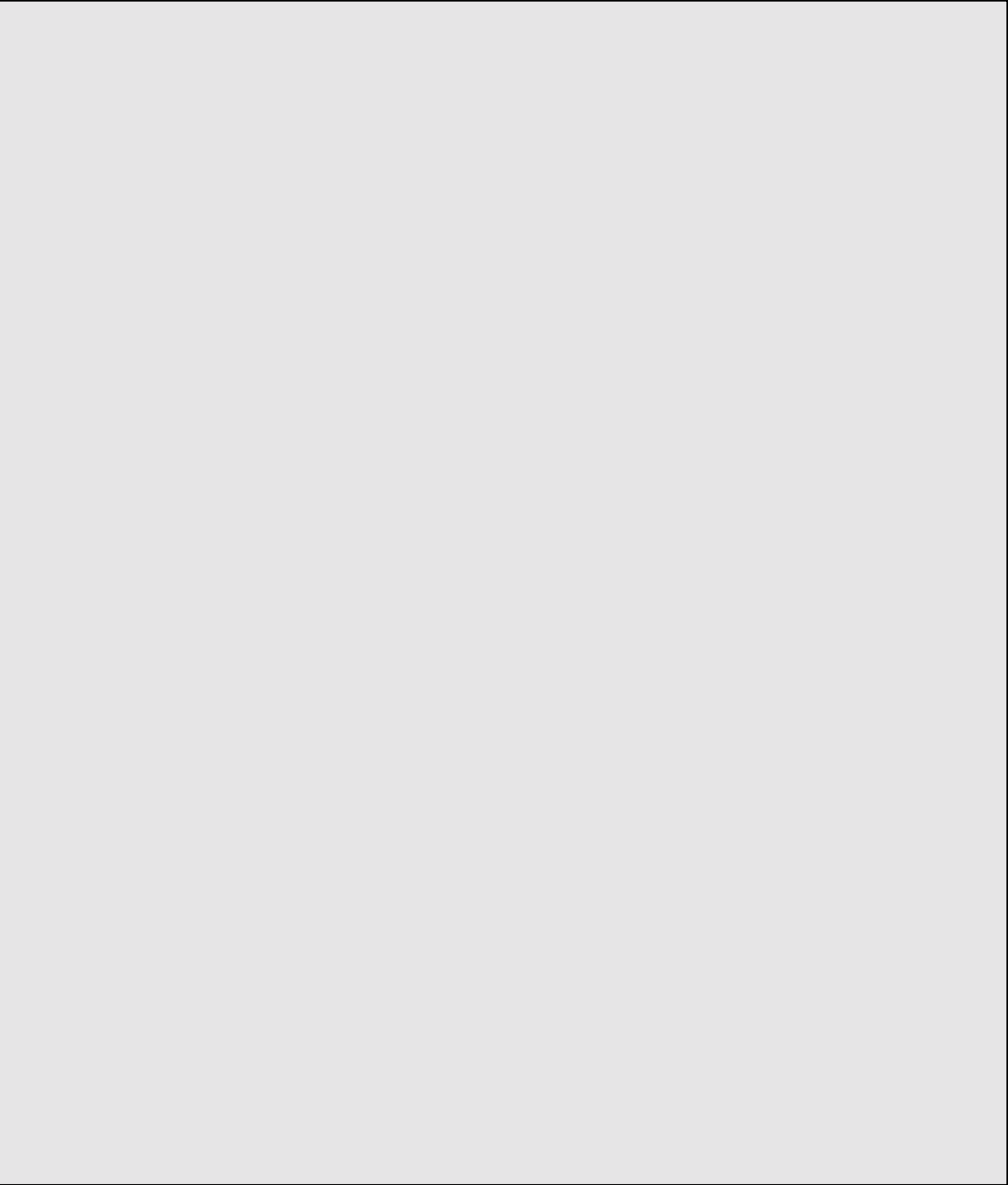
Each of you has a great story and I encourage you to tell it to your friends, neighbors and family members. If friends or family visit, show them around your base and your workplace. Stand proud while sharing your experiences at a high school reunion, an alma mater visit or a Sunday church service back home.

The Recruiter Assistance Program authorizes active-duty Air Force members up to 12 days of non-chargeable leave to help field recruiters. This can include assisting at a recruiting booth or talking one-


on-one with Delayed Entry Program applicants. I encourage everyone, especially commanders, command chief master sergeants and first sergeants, to participate and promote the program.

No matter when or where, don’t hesitate to tell the Air Force story. It’s your story and your Air Force.

(Editor’s Note: More information on the Recruiter Assistance Program is available at local recruiting squadrons as well as on the Air Force Recruiting Service’s web site at: www.rs.af.mil under the “We Are All Recruiters” link.)



The 325th
Fighter Wing
will be
conducting an
exercise Monday-
Wednesday.
Expect possible
delays at the
entry gates to
Tyndall.



**Take time
with your
kids**

*Read to them
learn together*

*A wealth of knowledge
can be found inside
the cover of a book.*

*Take time to read,
listen and learn with
your children now —
they'll thank you for it
in the future.*



Features

Ring the alarms, sound the bells Team Tyndall firefighter has ... One hot collection

2nd Lt. Angela Rogers
*325th Fighter Wing
public affairs*

For the most part, offices on a military installation look the same: neutral colors, relatively bland carpeting and utilitarian furniture. It is up to the occupant to personalize their space. Bobby Richardson, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector, has one of these offices. From the moment you step into his room, it's easy to see his dedication and love for his profession. Every wall, shelf and surface is adorned with some type of fire-fighting memorabilia: toys, equipment, patches, pictures and just about anything else imaginable. Richardson estimates that he has collected about a thousand pieces in his lifetime.

"My collection began when I was five or six," Richardson said. "I'm a second-generation firefighter. My father was a firefighter for 36 years so it comes naturally to me.

"Since I was a little kid, I have been a fire-fighting buff. I began by writing to different departments, trading patches and things of that nature," he said.

During his 15-year career as a firefighter, Richardson's collection has kept growing. "A lot of my collection is donations from fellow firefighters," Richardson said. "Somebody will walk by my office, see my collection and give me something to add that they think will look good. Other things I've picked up through auctions on the internet, yard sales and antique stores. My father also passed things on to me when he retired."

Richardson always keeps an eye out for items that meet two criteria: "old and unique — something that you're not going to see every day," he said. "You're not normally going to see a bucket with a round bottom because they tip over. People used to steal the fire buckets left near the troughs. People would use them to feed the chickens and milk the cows. Then, the firemen got smart and started getting them manufactured with a bubble underneath, so the bucket's not any good to anyone

but a fireman. A fireman's not going to set the bucket down when he's on his way to a fire. Now, that's an old bucket."

However, the oldest items in the collection could never be used for fighting fires. "Some of the oldest pieces are those little cast-iron fire trucks," Richardson said. "You can't find them anymore and so they hold special meaning to me. Cast-iron fire trucks are what kids used to play with back in the 1800s and early 1900s. Their durability is kind of neat compared to the things they're making now."

Among the traditional items there are a few curiosities as well. "One piece I particularly like is a carbon-tetrachloride fire extinguisher," he said. "It's a glass bulb that, if you had a fire in the corner, you would take the whole extinguisher and toss it into the corner. When the glass breaks, the agent falls on the flame and extinguishes it. It's a pretty neat little thing. I acquired it last year at an antique store. It was fully intact and had the instructions with it and everything."

The collection not only holds historical value, but many things are sentimental as well. "My father's helmet is on the wall. He used that same helmet when he went into one of the Cove Hotel fires downtown. He saved many victims and almost got himself into a world of hurt at the same time. That helmet means a lot to me."

Richardson takes pride in being able to carry on the fire-fighting tradition. "I like this field because you're associated with the good guys," he said. "We don't give tickets for driving fast. Basically, when we arrive, we're there to help. Not that policemen aren't there to help, but sometimes they're associated with that sinking feeling in your stomach when you know you're going to get a traffic violation."

Richardson's collection helps him strengthen the firefighter's bond with the public. "When someone comes in and I have to look up something on the computer for them, they can look around and see the history. You can look at the fire service and sum it up in here.

"My collection shows esprit de corps and pride in service," Richardson said. "If somebody comes in here, they know I'm proud to be a fireman. They know I love the job. It's in my blood. It's not something I take lightly. I take it seriously."



Richardson's cast-iron fire truck is one of the oldest in his collection. The truck dates back to the late 1800s.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Angela Rogers

Bobby Richardson, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection flight fire inspector, 'inspects' his father's old helmet. The helmet is one of many items in Richardson's collection that has a lot of sentimental significance.



Richardson proudly displays his fire-fighting memorabilia in his office.

They receive, sort, distribute official Air Force correspondence BITS personnel ‘deliver the mail’



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell

Airman Aliah Griffin, 325th Communications Squadron base information transfer center clerk, weighs an outgoing package.



Airman 1st Class Marcus Baucon, 325th CS BITC clerk, left, and Senior Airman Justin Patton, 325th CS BITC document security clerk, load a truck preparing to deliver the mail.

Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

They ‘communicate’ with every Tyndall unit on base on a daily basis. They effectively transfer information between Tyndall’s 7,000 base members, more than 39 other Air Force bases and the off-base populace — and they do it without using a cellular phone, fax machine or shooting off an e-mail message. While a task of this magnitude may seem impossible without the use of today’s modern conveniences, the six members assigned to Tyndall’s Base Information Transfer Center flight make it seem like another day at the office.

Acting both as postal carrier and clerk, Tyndall’s BITC personnel ensure mission accomplishment by processing and distributing all official communications, both incoming and outgoing, for Tyndall and its tenant units. “Our job is to make sure everyone gets their mail, whether the parcel or envelope is coming from another unit on Tyndall or an off-base agency,” said Tech. Sgt. Linda Gore, 325th Communications Squadron BITC administration and communication postal chief. “Many people only think of us as the people who deliver the base distribution mail. There’s a lot more to our job than that.”

A good portion of a BITS member’s day is spent picking up or delivering mail to the different agencies on base. “There are two United States Postal Service trucks that deliver mail to Tyndall. This mail gets delivered to the post office on base,” Gore said. “The USPS separates the general delivery mail from base-agency mail and then gives it to us. We then ‘pitch’ and distribute it to everyone on base.”

Distribution is not a small task. Using two trucks and completing three different runs, mail is delivered and picked up at 76 different stops during the day, said Staff Sgt. Tana Chevalier, 325th CS BITC NCOIC. “One vehicle takes all of the mail out to the flight-line side, and another truck delivers to the support side of the base. We also do a

special run for Building 662, the Headquarters Building, along with an accountable mail run.

“Being organized is the key to having a smooth day,” Chevalier said. “Separating and distributing the mail can be pretty time consuming considering the volume of mail that we handle. On an average day we have almost 700 pieces of mail that need to be pitched and delivered. This includes letters, parcels and flats.”

These numbers are in addition to intra-base mail that’s separated and delivered daily. “We try to have a one-day turnaround for intra-base mail,” Gore said. “Sometimes turn-around time is even quicker. It just depends on whether we’ve already stopped at the agency where the mail is going to or not.”

Intra-base mail also complicates things a bit because a lot of people either don’t use the stop numbers, or put the wrong number on the distribution envelope, Gore said. “A lot of envelopes come to us with wrong or incomplete information. We spend a considerable amount of time deciphering and determining where an envelope is supposed to go.”

Of course, mail distribution is only part of the job done at BITS. The flight also wears the hat of postal clerk. Metering all official mail, Tyndall’s BITC flight processes an average of more than 6,500 pieces of out-going mail on a monthly basis. Following USPS and Department of Defense guidelines, every parcel or envelope that comes from their office goes through a metering system that puts postage on the envelope. “We are being charged the same as a regular post office off-base,” Chevalier said. “Once it leaves our office, it’s just like it’s personal mail.”

Whether they’re sorting, pitching, delivering or metering a parcel, Tyndall’s BITC personnel take their job seriously. “We’re just like the USPS off-base,” Gore said. “Rain or shine we’ll be at your door. ‘Delivering the mail’ may be a buzz phrase for some people, but we take it seriously.”



Airman 1st Class Marcus Baucon, left, and Airman 1st Class Kendal White, both 325th CS BITC clerks, pitch the day’s mail.

Fire Prevention Week is great time to plan fire escapes

Bobby Richardson
*325th Civil Engineer Squadron
fire inspector*

National Fire Prevention Week will be Oct. 8-14. Once again the focus will be on “Fire Drills: The Great Escape.” Too few people develop and practice home fire-escape plans, and this lack of planning can prove deadly in a home fire.

Fire-safety education programs centered on the slogan, “Fire Drills: The Great Escape”, have been credited with saving 58 lives to date. Families, as well as fire and safety professionals, emphasize the need of having a home fire-escape plan to reduce injury or possible loss of life. The steps needed to formulate your plan are:

- Draw a map or floor-plan of your home and show every door, window and locations of smoke detectors.

- Mark an easy way out of each room, then mark a second way out.

- Designate a safe outside meeting place where everyone will meet in case of a fire.

- Make sure everyone knows how to reach emergency help (911) and knows their home address and telephone number.

After completing your plan, test effectiveness by conducting home fire drills, and keep in mind that in a real fire emergency the home may be filled with smoke. Start the drill by pushing the test button on a smoke detector and letting everyone know that there is a fire and they need to get out. Follow the escape plan and leave the home quickly. Pretend some exits are blocked by smoke and flames so that secondary escapes can be practiced as well. After everyone is out, they should report to the meeting place to make sure no one is still inside.

Under no circumstances should you re-enter a home that is on fire. Leave that to the professionals. In order for an escape to be successful you should make sure everyone follows these tips.

- If you see smoke as you escape, try another escape route.

- If you have to escape through smoke, crawl low and keep your head one to two feet above the floor where the air will be the cleanest.

- Test doors prior to opening them by placing the back of your hand on the door to determine if it is hot. If the door is hot, a secondary escape should be used.

Your safety and well being is very important to us at the Tyndall Fire Department, so remember to practice your home fire-escape plan for your family’s sake. For more information, call the fire prevention office, 283-2909.



**Think
before
you
drink.**

Spotlight



2nd Lt. Chuck Lee

Staff Sgt. Carey Mathis

Squadron: 325th Fighter Wing logistics plans

Job title: Logistics planner

Years at Tyndall: Two

Hometown: Greenville, Ohio

Why did you join the Air Force: For the travel opportunities and to complete an education.

Most exciting facet of your job: Working with people from other nations and coordinating overseas theater logistics functions.

Short-term goals: Finish seven-level school and pursue my educational opportunities.

Long-term goals: Successfully raise my children.

Favorite book: “The Bible”

Favorite movie: “Tombstone”

Hobbies and off-duty activities: Family activities, reading and going to the beach.

Everyone needs estate planning

Tech. Sgt. Tim Hoffman
100th Air Refueling Wing
public affairs

RAF MILDENHALL, England (AFPN) — “The only sure things are death and taxes” — not true, according to an expert Air Force estate planner, at least some taxes can be avoided.

“Well, we all have to pay certain taxes, but not necessarily when we die,” said Col. Chester Morgan, U.S. Air Force Academy professor and an estate planner.

The colonel was in England recently to explain the importance of estate planning and the many free legal services the Air Force provides to its members.

“The hardest part is just convincing people they need to do estate planning,” the colonel said. “People think estate planning is just for the old and rich — you know Bill Gates or Rose Kennedy. It all depends on your definition of rich and old.”

The point of estate planning is to determine where those things go when you die, Morgan said. The most important tool to do this is a will.

“State law can send your money to the wrong people,” he said. “If you don’t care about money, then you may care that the law can put your kids in the hands of the wrong people or the law can put your estate in the hands of your kids immediately. A will can sort all this out and it’s free at the legal office!”

Another argument to estate planning is, “Who cares? I’ll be dead.”

“Not necessarily,” Morgan said. “There was a couple I know, both in their 60s who decided to remarry. They both wanted to leave their estates to their respective children from a previous marriage, but their will didn’t say that. Their will gave everything to each other should they die. Well, they were in a car accident and both survived but were only being kept alive

by life-support machines. The children wanted to let them die, but if one ‘pulled the plug’ before the other, then the one who pulled it first wouldn’t get anything.”

Durable powers of attorney, living wills and health-care powers of attorney are some legal documents that could have spelled out the couple’s wishes and avoided this type of dispute. The base legal office has specialists that can discuss these legal tools and determine which would be beneficial.

“The other thing I want to stress,” Morgan said, “is that once you decide what you want to happen, write it down and make it legal. The Air Force will provide these things for you for free, but you have to go use them. Finally, once you have these tools, update them when your situation changes. And tell your family. It doesn’t do any good to have these documents if no one knows where they are.”

Your link to what's going on

Gulf Guide

SEPTEMBER

FRI 29

Troy State registration

Registration for Troy State's Term II will continue through Oct. 6. For more information, call 283-4449.

High year tenure

The continuation of the temporary high-year-of-tenure extension policy program is open to most enlisted personnel, senior airman through senior master sergeant, reaching mandatory HYT between now and Sept. 30, 2002. Eligible members may apply from today through Aug. 31, 2001. For more information, call the military personnel flight, 283-2244 or 283-4144.

SAT 30

Backlog PRs

All services must clear the backlog of periodic reinvestigations before Saturday. Security managers need to review coded positions to ensure members have submitted their paperwork. To update clearance paperwork, contact your unit security manager. Updates are processed through the 325th Security Forces Squadron on an appointment basis. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Lynn Lytle or Senior Airman George Wilson, 283-9911.

"Letters From the Front"

The Defense Commissary Agency's free presentation of "Letters From the Front: WWII", a two-hour, three-act Broadway-style play will be 7 p.m. Saturday at the base theater. The theater doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The performance is open to anyone authorized to enter the base. For more information, call Rudy Wallace or Jean Cole, 283-2495.

OCTOBER

TUE 3

'Tell-A-Friend Tuesday'

The American Cancer Society has designated Tuesday as 'Tell-A-Friend Tuesday', a day when women call their female friends and family members with important breast cancer and mammography information. Research shows that women are more likely to get their annual mammogram if a friend asks them to do so. To receive a free 'Tell-A-Friend Tuesday' calling kit, call Lt. Col. Pauletta Blueitt, 283-7515.

Boating skills course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 boating skills and seamanship course will continue 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the classroom next to the Coast Guard Station on the Coastal Systems Station. The course will offer knowledge of seamanship and navigation rules. There is no charge for the instruction, but a \$25 material charge is necessary for the textbook and study guide. The course will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings until Oct. 10. For more information and a course schedule with a map to the classroom location, call Don O'Neal, 769-1896.

Boating safety course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 boating skills and seamanship course will continue 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Room 231 of Gibson lecture hall in GCCC's Student Union East building. The core portion of the course will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, ending Tuesday. The full course will end Oct. 31. The cost of the course is \$30 for the text and workbook. For more information, call Paul Sutliff, 271-0650, evenings, or visit the Flotilla web site at: www.gctr.com/flotl_6.html.

'Get Out of Debt' workshop

A bring-your-lunch 'Get Out of Debt' workshop will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the family support center classroom. Topics will include precautions to take when seeking professional assistance, aspects of debt-management plans and pros and cons of debt-consolidation loans. For more information and registration, call the family support center, 283-4204.

WED 4

Breast-exam class

The American Cancer Society's 'Triple Touch Self-Breast-Exam' class and cancer-nutrition lunch will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the health and wellness center. Capt. Carma Pauli will educate women on nutrition, followed by the ACS 'Triple Touch' class which teaches women how to do effective self-breast exams. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7036.

Photo and artist contests

Military and Department of Defense civilian employees and family members can submit photo entries for the 2000 Photo Contest to the Tyndall Skills Development Center by Wednesday. Entrees in the artist contest are due Oct. 18. For rules and more information, call the skills development center, 283-4511.

FRI 6

Women veterans' benefits

A women veterans' benefits briefing will be 9-11 a.m. Oct. 6 in the family support center classroom. The seminar will provide information on Veteran Affairs services available to women with emphasis on health care. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4205.

MON 9

Commissary closure

The commissary will be closed Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day and Oct. 10 for the regular Monday closure. It will reopen 9 a.m. Oct. 11.

NOTES

Committee volunteers needed

Committee volunteers are needed for planning November's Native American Heritage Month celebration. For more information, call project officer Staff Sgt. Jason Swearingin, 283-4469, or the military equal opportunity office, 283-2739 or 283-2751.

RETIREE NEWS

Contacting representatives

Only five weeks remain until the general election on Nov. 7. Important decisions affecting retiree benefits are being discussed and legislated now. Retirees are encouraged to contact elected representatives to make their views known. The following contact information is provided for convenience:

• Senator Bob Graham, 524 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. Telephone: (202) 224-3041. FAX: (202) 224-2237. E-mail: bob_Graham@Graham.senate.gov

• Senator Connie Mack, 517 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. Telephone: (202) 224-5274. FAX: (202) 224-8022. E-mail: connie@mack.senate.gov

• Representative Allen Boyd, 30 West Government St., Panama City, FL 32401. Telephone: (850) 785-0812. FAX: (850) 763-3764. website: www.house.gov/boyd

• Representative Joe Scarborough, 127 Cannon Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515. Telephone: (202) 225-4136. FAX: (202) 225-3414. E-mail: flo1@mail.house.gov

The Editor's Notebook section of the September issue of *Afterburner* provides tips for effectively communicating with elected officials. It is advised to keep letters to one page in length and limit them to one issue. Stamp mail is recommended as opposed to e-mail. Letters should be kept simple, direct and civil in tone.

YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 2842-B Phantom St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Saturday: 7 p.m. — "Letters from the Front" The Rector Roberts troupe, Broadway-style production is based on actual war correspondence dating back as far as the Revolutionary War. Free admission.

Sunday: "Bless the Child" (R, crude sexual humor, language, 101 min.)

Thursday: "The Replacements" (PG-13, crude sexual humor, language, 118 min.)

BERG-LILES DINING FACILITY

Today

Lunch: savory baked chicken, pasta with clam sauce

Dinner: ginger-barbecued chicken, onion-lemon baked fish

Saturday

Lunch: grilled mustardy chicken breast, Swedish meatballs

Dinner: creole fish fillets, chicken nuggets

Sunday

Lunch: beef pot roast, Parmesan fish

Dinner: chili macaroni, lemon-baked fish

Monday

Lunch: hot and spicy chicken, Swedish meatballs

Dinner: spicy baked fish, meat loaf

Tuesday

Lunch: baked turkey and noodles, baked ham

Dinner: roasted pork loin, lemon-herbed chicken

Wednesday

Lunch: veal Parmesan, spaghetti with meat sauce

Dinner: lemon-baked fish, jaeberschnitzel

Thursday

Lunch: Chinese five-spice chicken, seafood pie

Dinner: grilled bratwurst, roasted pork loin

Menus are subject to change.

Surge protectors minimize risk of lightning damage

Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate office

During hurricane season, protecting electronics is not always the first thing we think of. However, hurricanes are often accompanied by severe thunderstorms and lightning. During this time of the year and throughout your assignment here in Florida, you need to take the protection of electronic appliances as seriously as you would anything else of value.

Tyndall is located in an area where the weather is very unpredictable. Thunderstorms and lightning can occur instantaneously. It is your responsibility to ensure your valuables are protected. The common misconception is that the Air Force will reimburse military members for any and all loss or damage to personal property if it occurs on base. This could not be further from the truth.

The Personnel Claims Act is what we use to determine approval or denial of a claim. Because the act is not a substitute for insurance, settlement authorities pay for loss or damage at quarters and other authorized places only if caused by fire, flood, hurricane, other unusual occurrences or by theft or vandalism. In these cases, the Personnel Claims Act only provides protection from extraordinary hazards such as violent natural events, such as hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes, earthquakes or volcanic eruptions. These are unanticipated and people have no

control over them.

In deciding whether hazards are outside the normal risk of day-to-day living and working and, therefore, are unusual occurrences, settlement authorities consider two types of events that are not continuous conditions:

- Those of a very unusual nature.
- Those of a common nature that occur to an unexpected degree of severity.

Here in Northwest Florida, thunderstorms and lightning are not uncommon or unusual. In fact, we expect them on a continuous and unpredictable basis, therefore we need to be prepared. Being prepared means having an alternate means to track weather in your area such as a battery-operated weather radio or television. People should invest in surge protectors, not power strips, that are backed by a manufacturer's warranty guaranteeing repair or replacement of anything plugged into it.

The same holds true for your cable, telephones and computer modems. People should purchase surge protectors for these items as well. Taking these precautions will not guarantee the safety of your electronics, but these measures will reduce the possible risk substantially.

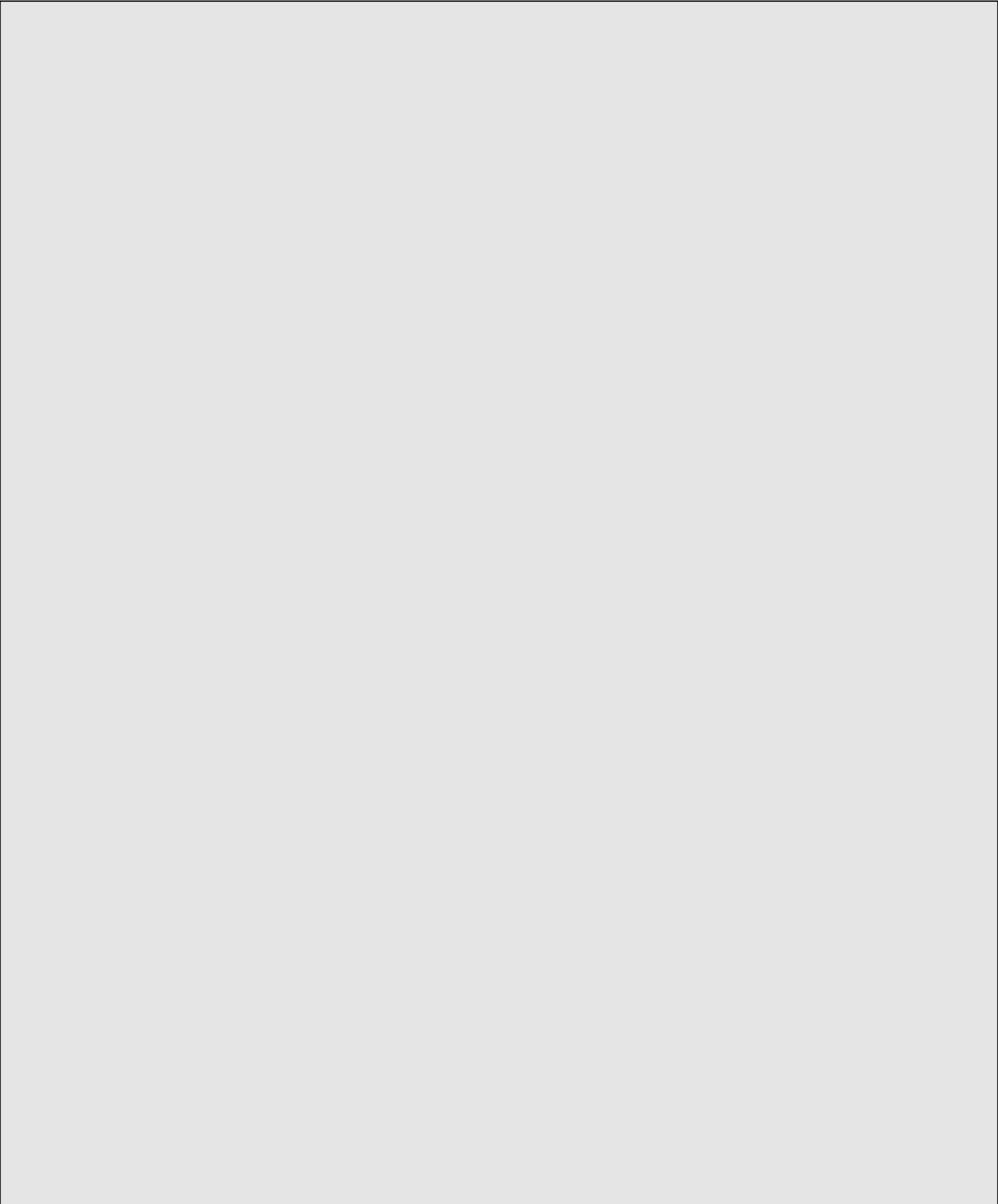
If you are a base-housing occupant, please read the Family Housing Brochure. It specifically outlines measures you should take to protect electronics, telephones and modems during a lightning storm. Because of the high

expectation and frequency of such storms, it also suggests unplugging electronic and telephone equipment as the best way of protecting them during storms or if you are going to be out of the immediate area for an extended period of time.

Remember, if you decide to use your computer, watch television or have any of your electronics on or plugged in during a hurricane, lightning or thunderstorm, tornadoes or any other time of inclement weather, then you assume the risk of possible damage regardless of whether or not you use a surge protector. The same holds true for power outages; a power outage unaccompanied by a power surge will not damage a properly designed electronic device.

As with all things of value, we must take steps to protect them and you can never be too careful when it comes to protecting your electronics. We have all heard the saying "you get what you pay for" and this is especially true when it comes to the various products you can purchase to protect your electronics and telephone lines. As prices vary, so does the amount of protection provided by the piece of equipment and the maximum amount of coverage provided by the manufacturer's warranty. Make sure you purchase a surge protector, not a power strip.

Being cheap is not the way to go. The \$5 or \$10 you save today may cost you severely in the long run.



Gulf Defender offers new classified ad section

When: Free weekly classified section begins Oct 6.

For: All Tyndall active-duty military members, dependents, Department of Defense civilians, contract personnel and retirees may make submissions.

Other guidelines:

Classified request forms must be picked up in person at the Tyndall Public Affairs office, Building 662, Suite 129. Specific policy guidelines are stated below.

- Only personal items less than \$20,000 and pet sales under \$50 will be placed in this section.
- Each submission will run for one week. People wishing to have their item run more than one week must resubmit a request form each week.
- Twenty (20) word limit.
- Only one advertisement per person, per week may be submitted.
- All advertisements are on a first-come, first-serve, space-available basis.
- There is no guarantee of publication.

- Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday the week prior to publication. Example: Deadline would be Sept. 28 for publication on Oct. 6.
- Forms may be either faxed or dropped off in person to the Tyndall Public Affairs office, Building 662, Suite 129.
- No real estate or rental advertisements will be accepted.
- No businesses, services or events will be accepted. Example: childcare, house cleaning, yard service, handyman.
- The public affairs office is not responsible for sales or claims made by sellers regarding property condition or value.
- All requests for publication must have a contact name and home telephone number.
- The public affairs officer reserves the right to review and edit or refuse any advertisement.
- Personal or relationship-seeking advertisements will not be accepted.
- For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb, 283-2973.



BELT OUT A TUNE



Thursday is
karaoke night at
the Pelican Reef
Enlisted Club.
Show up to sing
or listen from 8 -
11 p.m.

Sports and Fitness

Falcons defeat Utah 21-14

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) — The Academy’s football team captured its third win of the season, Saturday, beating the University of Utah 23-14.

The Falcon’s defense was the key. Utah’s offense was limited to a 14-yard touchdown run by Adam Tate in the first quarter and a score on a kickoff return by Patrick Dyson in the second quarter. By game’s end, the Utes had rushed for only 136 rushing yards but did manage 195 yards in passing by quarterback Darnell Arceneaux to receivers Steve Smith and Cliff Russell. But none of the receptions went for a score. The Falcons held the Utes scoreless in the second half.

“We let them drive, but we stopped them when we needed to,” said Head Coach Fisher DeBerry.

The defense sacked Arceneaux four times for minus 23 yards in the game, and had countless numbers of hurries that disrupted his timing.

The Falcons’ special teams unit made a play in the third that led to the Air Force victory.

Holding a 17-14 lead with 7:47 left in the third quarter, Falcon defensive tackle Justin Pendry and linebacker Corey Nelson teamed up to knock down a 27-yard field goal attempt by Utah’s Golden Whetman.

Shortly after the block, the Falcon offense sealed the victory when quarterback Mike Thiessen connected with tight end Chris Jessop on a 19-yard touchdown pass, for what proved to be the final

score of the game.

In addition to the blocked field goal, the special teams unit also blocked a punt. The Falcons’ Tony Metters got a piece of a punt that went just 25 yards.

Offensively, it was the play of receiver Ryan Fleming that helped put the Falcons on the scoreboard. Air Force opened the game with a 50-yard pass play from Thiessen to Fleming. The play helped set up a 15-yard scoring run by Scotty McKay — his first touchdown of the season.

Fleming later scored on a 45-yard pass, with a leaping circus catch in the end zone. The Falcons’ final score — the Jessop touchdown — was set up by a 33-yard pass play to Fleming when he grabbed the ball out of the hands of a Utah defensive back. Fleming finished the game with 128 yards on just three catches. It was his second consecutive 100-yard game.

The win pushed Air Force’s record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in Mountain West Conference action. Next up is University of Nevada - Las Vegas Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. MST. UNLV comes into the game with a 1-2 season record, including a 10-7 loss Sept. 23 to BYU.

Air Force and UNLV meet for the sixth time overall and fifth as conference foes. Air Force holds a 4-1 overall series lead and has a 4-0 mark in conference games. The Falcons have won four consecutive games in the series, dating back to 1996.

Muscle Beach



The Tyndall Sports and Fitness Center will hold a bench press competition 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the sports and fitness center. The competition is open to all active-duty members, reservists, Department of Defense employees, government contractors and Bay County residents. There will be weight classes for men, women and youth. For more information, call the fitness center, 283-2631.

Intramural flag football standings

Large squadron

Team	Wins	Losses	GB
95 FS 1	3	0	—
TRS	3	0	—
CES	2	0	.5
OSS	1	0	1
1 FS	1	1	1.5
SEADS	1	1	1.5
COMM	1	1	1.5
95 FS 2	0	2	2.5
325 MDG	0	2	2.5
MSS	0	2	2.5
2 FS	0	3	3

Small squadron

Team	Wins	Losses	GB
83 FWS	4	0	—
MXS	2	1	1.5
SFS	2	1	1.5
Army	1	2	2.5
CONS	1	2	3.5
82 ATRS	0	4	4

“Power surge” your way to fitness



Check out the new classes at the fitness center. “Power surge” is a high-intensity challenge workout that combines cardio, strength, calisthenics, kickboxing and yoga in an interval-style class format.

Monday: 5:30 a.m., noon, 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:30 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.

Friday: 5:30 a.m., noon

Saturday: 10 a.m.

Participants should bring their own towels, water bottles and hand weights.